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A.—(*a*) 1925-26—641 tons.
1926-27—724 ,,
1927-28—677 ,,

(*b*) (i) No information is available.
(ii) Madras realized an average price of Rs. 1,365 per ton during 1927-28. There is no information about Mysore.

(*c*) Sandalwood is produced in the following districts of the Madras Presidency :—

1. Anantapur.	5. Coimbatore.
2. Cuddapah.	6. Mangalore.
3. Chittoor.	7. The Nilgiris.
4. Salem.	8. North Arcot.

Some beginnings are being made in Tinnevelly and Kurnool districts also. Information regarding the extent of the area has been called for.

(*d*) & (*e*) Information has been called for from the Chief Conservator of Forests.

(*f*) None.

(*g*) There is already a private factory at Kuppam and the Government do not propose to start a factory of their own as it may result in competition with the private factory.

Permission to villagers to hunt wild animals in South Kanara forests.

*2013 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased, with reference to question No. 368 answered on 8th October 1928 regarding permission to villagers to hunt wild animals in the forests in South Kanara, to state the wild animals in shooting which discrimination is to be used and what is the nature of the discrimination that is to be used ?

A.—Discrimination has to be used in shooting Sambhur, Bison, Spotted deer and Barking deer. The shooting of the females of these species is absolutely prohibited.

Grant of lands in the Nilgiris for tea-planting.

*2014 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the area of forest reserve land in the Nilgiris district granted in 1927 and 1928 by Government or by the Forest department for tea-planting to various agencies and what those agencies are ;

(*b*) whether the Nilgiris Game Club has protested against the grant of forest land to planters ; if so, what action has been taken thereon ;

(*c*) whether there has been an increase of wild animals in the Nilgiris forests ; and

(*d*) what action Government have taken to check the devastation of crops by wild animals in the Nilgiris.

A.—(*a*) Information has been called for.

(*b*) A representation has been received recently. It is still under consideration.

(*c*) The Government has no reason to suppose so.